The hon. Mr. M. R. Seturatnam Ayyar :—" For the whole Presidency."

Mr. A. Ranganatha Mudaliyar :—" The question refers only to the Second Circle. May I know how many they are going to appoint to the Second Circle ? "

The hon. Mr. M. R. Seturatnam Ayyar :—" That has not been decided."

Quantity of seed potatoes raised in the Nanjanaad Potato Seed Farm.

* 1409 Q.—Mr. V. I. Muniswami Pillai : Will the hon. the Minister for Development be pleased to state—

(*a*) the quantity of seed potatoes raised in the Nanjanaad Potato Seed Farm and the value thereof realized during the past one year;

(*b*) the quantities doled out to ryots and their names and the actual quantity sold ;

(*c*) what is the expenditure incurred during the past one year for the staff entertained in the farm ; and

(*d*) whether the Government have appointed any visitors for the potato farm as is done in the case of the Agricultural College in Coimbatore ; if not, why not ?

A.—(*a*) 3,051 maunds of 25 lb. each valued at Rs. 1,508–3–1. This excludes Rs. 544, the value of 272 maunds transferred for district work.

(*b*) No seed potatoes were doled out to ryots. 782 maunds and $20\frac{1}{4}$ lb. were sold to ryots.

(*c*) Rupees 3,418.

(*d*) Honorary visitors are not attached to the Experiment stations nor is such a system deemed necessary or advisable as the stations are engaged on research work which is not likely to be understood by laymen.

Mr. V. I. Muniswami Pillai :—" With reference to (*b*), Sir, may I know whether any depressed classes men were given ? "

The hon. Mr. M. R. Seturatnam Ayyar :—" Notice."

Admission of students in the Agricultural College.

* 1410 Q.—Mr. R. Nagan Gowda : Will the hon. the Minister for Development be pleased to state—

(*a*) whether the Government have any proposals to increase the number of students admitted into the College of Agriculture and, if so, what they are ; and

(*b*) whether they propose in the near future to make any and, if so, what arrangements to admit into the College all the qualified candidates that apply for admission ?

A.—(*a*) No.

(*b*) No. The College can provide accommodation only for 120 students. If a larger number is to be admitted, the accommodation will have to be increased as also the staff, etc.

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Mr. R. Nagan Gowda :—"May I know whether, considering the fact that they are spending a very large sum on this institution, the Government do not think it desirable to make some arrangement by which they can train a larger number of students?"

The hon. Mr. M. R. Seturatnam Ayyar :—"The difficulty is the lack of accommodation in the College hostel. If there is more accommodation, we can entertain more men."

Mr. K. V. R. Swami :—"May I know whether in the College there is accommodation for more students?"

The hon. Mr. M. R. Seturatnam Ayyar :—"There is accommodation for 120 students."

Mr. A. Ranganatha Mudaliyar :—"Are the Government contemplating the provision of additional hostel accommodation?"

The hon. Mr. M. R. Seturatnam Ayyar :—"We are contemplating."

Mr. R. Nagan Gowda :—"May I know whether any efforts have been made to induce private people to place their estates at the disposal of the Agricultural College?"

The hon. Mr. M. R. Seturatnam Ayyar :—"I am not aware of any such efforts, Sir."

Mr. K. V. R. Swami :—"I thought the hon. Minister stated that for want of hostel accommodation more students could not be admitted. It is stated that there are now 120 students. I was asking the Minister whether there is accommodation for teaching more students?"

The hon. Mr. R. Seturatnam Ayyar :—"Some more accommodation for teaching could be found. The difficulty is about accommodation for students in the hostel."

Travelling allowances to Agricultural officers for attending the annual conference at Coimbatore.

*1411 Q.—Mr. A. B. Shetty : Will the hon. the Minister for Development be pleased to state—

(a) how many Agricultural officers on an average were given travelling allowance during the last three years for attending the annual conference at Coimbatore;

(b) to what extent the number of officers permitted to go to Coimbatore will be restricted by the Government Order issued this year; and

(c) whether the Government propose to reconsider the restrictions which have been thus imposed?

A.—(a)	1926	21
	1927	21
	1928	10

(b) The Assistant Crop Specialists and the Personal Assistant to the Director of Agriculture will not attend the conference in future. Assistant Directors will attend the conference only when the Deputy Directors of their respective circles do not attend.

(c) The answer is in the negative.